

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Recognition
of
The Jewish People of Donetsk, Ukraine and
condemnation of Anti-Semitic Flier

WHEREAS, according to Ukrainian media, armed and masked individuals handed out fliers the evening of April 15 on the first night of Passover on the letterhead of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic that instructed people of the Jewish faith to register with the government or face deportation and confiscation of their property; and

WHEREAS, while questions remain about the flier's official nature and the leader of the Donetsk People's Republic, whose name appeared in the document's signature, has publicly disavowed the flier, the instructions clearly recall the Nazi era and have the effect of intimidating the local Jewish people; and these kinds of intimidation trample human rights and the rule of law before; and

WHEREAS, approximately 6 million people of Jewish faith were systematically exterminated during the Holocaust, and the extermination was preceded by a similar requirement by the Nazi government to register with the government; and

WHEREAS, and the United States of America, from the day of George Washington, has been a defender of freedom and religious inclusion.

THEREFORE, the Members of the Arizona House of Representatives hereby stand with the Jewish people of Ukraine against anti-Semitism and all forms of intimidation and intolerance that target any religious group.

Dated this 17th day of April 2014

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